

BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 17, 1991  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Elvin will present this. Audit is almost complete. A meeting has been scheduled with Margie and Elvin and Roger for October 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Roger will be ready to make a presentation to the full Board at the October Board Meeting.

2. Talent Search Program, as some of you know, has been funded at \$150,000 to service 750 students. This is a three year grant which can total \$450,000 for our Camden Center.

- Letters have been sent to community members;
- Press releases have been sent to the Star Ledger and the Camden newspapers.
- I will be hiring four counselors, one programs director and a secretary.
- Glassboro has moved to a new building with Camden County Community College. Space is very limited.

Issues

a. Our Project Officer, Mr. Clinton Black has indicated to me that he will require quarterly reports on the ethnic breakdown of students because "ASPIRA is known for not serving certain ethnic kids". I have called Janice Petrovich to request a meeting with all the associates and the new Director of Student Services to address this issue.

In my opinion all Talent Search Programs should be required to submit the same reports. Other Talent Search Programs should be required to submit this report. I will not be surprised to find that many, if not most Talent Search Programs serve mostly African-American students.

b. ASPIRA of Pennsylvania was the only ASPIRA Associate which did not get funded. When I spoke with Manny he explained to me that he had indicated in his proposal that he would serve 80% Hispanic. The feedback he got is that the proposal readers noted that in his proposal.

c. The implications are that ASPIRA of New Jersey will have to pay strict attention to this issue and the possible consequences.

3. Meeting with Barbata Gille  
Program Officer  
Community Foundation of New Jersey

There are grants available to conduct programs which address the problem of aids and youngsters under the "preventive education" . We are clearly not interested in working with individuals who may already have aids, but may want to educate our youngsters regarding "high risk" behaviors.

In my meeting with Ms. Gille, she indicated that we may want to consider a program which initially involves parents as follows:

-We know that the parents of our students may not want to discuss these issues with our youngsters, but we may want to "educate" our parents. We may also want to involve our parents as "advisors" perhaps form an advisory group which can help us develop an appropriate program.

The other type of program we discussed at the retreat is in response to teenage pregnancy.

The staff are requesting that we have a policy that can be clear to staff, students, and parents regarding ASPIRA's policy on the discussion of topics such as: abortion, planned parenthood and contraceptives.

These two topics are related and need to be clear for staff as we proceed with proposals.